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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 24, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 76, 1/20/2017; SB 130, 1/20/2017; HB 42, 1/20/2017

Executive Action: HB 42

00:00:45 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 76, Eliminate income taxes on social security benefits.

[EXHIBIT\(tas17a01\)](#)

00:03:03 Chairman Blasdel

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:31 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT\(tas17a02\)](#)

00:07:51 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

00:08:26 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:10:23 Eric Feaver, president, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:21 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON HB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:36 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 42, Revise partnership filing due dates to match federal tax filing due dates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:37 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue

00:14:57 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:00 Rep. Abbott

00:16:15 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:37 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 130, Revise tax increment finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:23 John MacDonald, city of Missoula

00:22:10 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:24:31 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:19 Sen. Webb

00:25:51 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

00:26:25 Mr. MacDonald, city of Missoula

00:26:54 Sen. Hoven

00:27:23 Sen. Barrett

00:29:22 Sen. Hoven

00:29:31 Sen. Barrett

00:31:21 Sen. Tempel

00:31:42 Sen. Barrett

00:33:54 Sen. Tempel

00:34:14 Sen. Cohenour

00:34:57 Mr. MacDonald

00:35:53 Sen. Malek

00:36:45 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:04 Sen. Barrett

00:41:00 Chairman Blasdel

00:42:10 Sen. Barrett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 42

00:42:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 42 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

00:42:54 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:47 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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